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Hon. Vernon Williams  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K. Street, NW  
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January 9, 2006

Re: Norfolk Southern Railway Company Abandonment of  
Cockeysville Industrial Track in Baltimore County, MD

Dear Sir:

I am Plant Manager at Fleischmann's Vinegar Company, Inc. ("Fleischmann's"). I am writing to indicate Fleischmann's support for the application of Norfolk Southern Railway Company and Pennsylvania Lines LLC ("NS") to abandon and discontinue all rail freight services on the NS line between North Avenue and Cockeysville in Baltimore, Maryland. This track is known as the "Cockeysville Industrial Track" or the "Light Rail North" line.

Fleischmann's has a facility located at 1900 Brand Avenue in Baltimore, MD that is located on the Cockeysville Industrial Track. At that facility, we manufacture white distilled vinegar. While Fleischmann's has in the past relied on rail service at this location, we have made other arrangements for our transportation needs. As a result, we agree to support the NS application to abandon this line and cease providing rail service to our facility.

In addition, we acknowledge and agree with the position of the Maryland Department of Transportation and the Maryland Transit Administration that neither of those agencies, nor the State of Maryland, has acquired nor will acquire any common carrier obligation to provide freight rail service to the Fleischmann's Brand Avenue plant on the Cockeysville Industrial Track.

If you any question about this matter, Please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,

*Thomas Q. Minarik*

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Thomas Q. Minarik  
Plant Manager

cc: James R. Paschall, Esquire, Norfolk Southern Corp. FVC. Inc.  
Charles A. Spitulnik, Esquire, Counsel for Maryland DOT